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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD" (AGENDA ITEM 59(F))

1. SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION, CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT
A/C.2/31/L.58, IS SET FORTH AS PARAGRAPH TWO. REQUEST
DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

2. QUOTE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

AUSTRIA, COLOMBIA, INDIA, IRAN, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA,
NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, UNITED
REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, URUGUAY, AND YUGOSLAVIA:
DRAFT RESOLUTION

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MEASURES AND
MODALITIES TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE PREPARATION, SUPPORT AND FINANCING
OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, 1/ ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
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DECISION 178(LXI) OF 5 AUGUST 1976 ON AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR

OF THE CHILD AND A FURTHER REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL 2/
PREPARED IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL,

RECOGNIZING THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IN ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING
AND
INDUSTRIALIZED, OF PROGRAMMES BENEFITING CHILDREN NOT ONLY FOR THE
WELL-BEING OF THE CHILDREN, BUT ALSO AS PART OF BROADER EFFORTS
TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS,

RECALLING IN THIS CONNECTION ITS RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV) OF
24 OCTOBER 1970 CONTAINING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME
OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER, AND 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION,

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS, FAR
TOO MANY CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ARE
UNDERNOURISHED, ARE WITHOUT ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HEALTH
SERVICES, ARE MISSING THE BASIC EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR THEIR
FUTURE AND ARE DEPRIVED ON THE ELEMENTARY AMENITIES OF LIFE,

CONVINCED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD COULD SERVE
TO ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTRIES TO REVIEW THEIR PROGRAMMES FOR
THE PROMOTION OF THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND TO MOBILIZE
SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL ACTION PROGRAMMES ACCORDING
TO EACH COUNTRY'S CONDITIONS, NEEDS AND PRIORITIES,

AFFIRMING THAT THE CONCEPT OF BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IS A
VITAL COMPONENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THAT IT SHOULD
BE SUPPORTED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMUNITIES,

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE YEAR 1979 WILL BE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND COULD SERVE
AS AN OCCASION TO PROMOTE FURTHER ITS IMPLEMENTATION,

AWARE THAT, FOR AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD TO BE
EFFECTIVE, ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND THE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT
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OF GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC
WILL BE REQUIRED,

1. PROCLAIMS THE YEAR 1979 THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;
2. DECIDES THAT THIS YEAR SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL
OBJECTIVES:
 - (A) TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN

AND FOR ENHANCING THE AWARENESS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN
ON THE PART OF DECISION-MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC;

(B) TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT PROGRAMMES FOR
CHILDREN SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT PLANS, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING, IN BOTH THE LONG
AND THE SHORT TERM, SUSTAINED ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT
OF CHILDREN AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS;

3. URGES GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS AT THE NATIONAL
AND COMMUNITY LEVELS TO PROVIDE LASTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WELL-BEING

OF THEIR CHILDREN, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THOSE IN THE MOST
VULNERABLE AND PARTICULARLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS;

4. CALLS UPON THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS AND ORGANIZATIONS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREPARATION
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR
OF THE CHILD;

5. DESIGNATES THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AS THE LEAD
AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND
AS ITS CO-ORDINATOR;

6. INVITES NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC
TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD
AND TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR PROGRAMMES FOR THE YEAR AS FULLY
AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVELS,

7. APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS OR
PLEDGES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD THROUGH THE UNITED
NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE FINANCING
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OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND CARRYING OUT OF THE YEAR;

8. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL OR-
GANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC WILL RESPOND GENEROUSLY WITH
CONTRIBUTIONS TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE YEAR AND,
THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND OTHER CHANNELS OF
EXTERNAL AID, TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE
FOR SERVICES BENEFITING CHILDREN;

9. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S
FUND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND
SESSION, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS
SIXTY-THIRD SESSION, ON PROGRESS IN PREPARING FOR THE YEAR,
INCLUDING ITS FINANCING.

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